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Committee: Mrs. Henry H. Belfield, Chairman; Miss Elizabeth G. Ross, Secretary; Miss Elizabeth C. Alling, Treasurer; Mrs. James B. Herrick, Miss Martha Gemmell.

**Subscriptions 50 Cents a Year, may be sent to Miss Elizabeth C. Alling,
2936 Prairie Avenue, Chicago.**

High in the list of Christian philanthropists in this age of liberal giving must be placed the name of Mr. John Stuart Kennedy, whose will distributed many millions among educational and charitable institutions. Like other philanthropists of this generous age, Mr. Kennedy had formed the habit of giving during his lifetime; and the only surprise at the provisions of his will was caused by the amount of his fortune. We are particularly pleased that the Presbyterian Hospital of New York City received two and a quarter millions by his will, in addition to the million given by him a year ago. Mr. Kennedy was president of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital for many years, and gave it not only money, but his constant time and personal attention. (This seems to be a custom of presidents of Presbyterian hospitals.)

Surely, America is another name for Opportunity, as has been said, when penniless boys can accumulate millions by honorable means; and we are thankful that the grace of God can turn many of these millions into channels of mercy.

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No one should fear that the Presbyterian Hospital of New York will be unable to find good use for those millions; nor doubt that our own hospital will in due time receive similar sums. Our city is fast growing in wealth, and our citizens, both men and women, are generous. How much has been done in the quarter of a century since Dr. Joseph P. Ross secured the first ten thousand dollars for the proposed hospital!

We are told that a dollar does not "go so far as it did" in this country, and no one who buys provisions or clothing or pays wages is inclined to doubt the assertion. But there is one country in which even a cent possesses a mighty purchasing power. The largest mission hospital in the world, that at Canton, China, charges fifteen cents a day for board; and at the end of the last fiscal year the boarding department finds a surplus of over thirteen hundred dollars. During the year 2,129 ward patients and 21,281 out patients were treated, with a total income of \$32,185, and a balance on the good side of the ledger of over \$5,000. Have these good Cantonese learned the secret of the simple life?

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Tag Day netted the hospital the sum of \$3,869.03. The columns of the BULLETIN could be filled with incidents of the day. The enthusiasm extended even to the children. In Lake Forest one little girl of twelve years was not content to wait on the street, but with a companion made a house-to-house canvas among the mothers, pleading for the children of other mothers. So winning was her way, so persuasive was her eloquence, that she collected one hundred and seventy-five dollars, including a check by mail for one hundred dollars. Even newsboys voluntarily contributed.

Some of the ladies belonging to the smaller churches are rejoicing that their labors on that day secured more money for the hospital than their churches were able to contribute during an entire year.

Another fact is worthy of mention, illustrating the regard in which American men hold women, as well as their interest in charitable institutions, and that is the very pleasant manner in which they received the women's requests for money. Courtesy was the rule; rude repulse was absolutely wanting.

HOSPITAL DAYS ASSOCIATION.

In the early spring of 1910 there is to be inaugurated in this city a hospital benefit, to be known as "Hospital Days."

Permission has been received from the mayor of Chicago to place boxes, conspicuously labeled, in all parts of the city on the appointed days for the collection of money; and the amount realized will be divided among the five or six large hospitals that are now partially supported by churches.

Great interest has been manifested by prominent men and women

connected with the boards of the Presbyterian, Wesley, Baptist and Passavant Hospitals; and the Roman Catholic Bishop having expressed his willingness to cooperate, Mercy Hospital will also share in the benefit.

Hospital Days will include a Sunday and Monday. On Sunday the ministers throughout the city will be asked to present the needs of the hospitals to their congregations, and direct the attention of the people to the boxes. Every church is expected to secure a yearly collection for the hospital in which it has an especial interest and also to respond on Hospital Days to this appeal and drop into the boxes what can be used for general hospital work, independently of denomination or class.

Advisory, Press, Supply and Location Committees will formulate plans, will district the city, place the boxes in the care of competent persons and endeavor to advertise the movement and familiarize the public with the details. Our friends and the press can be of incalculable service to the Association by giving the project publicity. It is hoped that a large amount of money will be collected by this means, and obviate the necessity of benefit entertainments or other appeals from time to time. In many other cities, conspicuously New York, St. Louis and Boston, similar plans have developed and resulted in large sums annually for hospitals participating. Chicago needs more money for its hospitals than it now has. The free work should be increased, and in no other way can these institutions of healing fulfill their mission to the public but by responding to every call, not only of those who can pay for the care they receive, but the most destitute need not be refused nor kept waiting.

The officers of the Association are: Mrs. Lewis K. Torbet, president; Mrs. George Dixon, vice-president; Mrs. John Balcom Shaw, secretary.

THE CHILDREN'S WARD.

The most joyous place, if there is such a thing in a hospital, is the Children's Ward. And yet, it is also the most sorrowful, for it is sad to know of little children in distress and pain. But no matter how sick they are, the skilled treatment, the tender care, the loving hands, make such a kindly atmosphere that the children are really very happy, and many cry when they are pronounced "well enough to go home."

The Children's Ward, from its small beginning of many years

ago, has grown, until now it has beds for thirty-five children, ranging in age from several months to twelve years. Much of the service is free; almost eighty per cent of the children admitted here have practically free treatment. So the receipts from "Tag Day" will materially help to increase the number of little patients.

The Children's Ward is divided into two parts. Into one, the receiving ward, the children come first, and stay for two weeks or so, until danger of any lurking contagion is past; then they go to the larger ward until discharged.

There have been many interesting happenings connected with this ward. Often a child sends or brings scrap-books, which bear the evidence of the donor's own work, or toys, or fruit, to these less fortunate children. Some years ago it was the habit of one mother to bring each of her sons on his birthday to visit the sick children, and for a treat he carried a basket of candy, fruit and small frosted cakes, each fitted with a candle. These parties had been planned with the knowledge of the nurse in charge, and a small table was always ready, so that when all, who could, sat down, and the others, around the room, feasted in bed, it was hard to say whether host or guests were happiest.

One visitor found a small girl teaching another to write her name. But she could not persuade her to begin at the left; laboriously the smaller child copied the letters, but always the last was first. The visitor began to suspect Oriental blood, although none was visible.

At one end of the larger ward is a sign: The Sunshine Bed. This is the only permanently endowed bed in the room. The \$3,000 necessary was gathered, some years ago, by the personal efforts of Miss Frances Gould. There are three other beds in this ward supported by special annual donations. One by a Sunday-school in memory of the earthly loss of the dear child of a beloved pastor. The second by the scholars of another Sunday-school. And the third by united efforts of many of the Sunday-schools of this Presbytery. It is hoped that in time every Sunday-school will give some offering annually for this purpose. As one lady said: "If you cannot help us with a whole bed, invest in enough for a pillow or a blanket. Unfortunately we can always furnish a child."

REPORT OF TAG DAY COMMITTEE.

At the May meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of the Hospital the Board decided to become a member of the Chicago

Children's Benefit League. This membership consisted in the payment of five dollars membership fee to the League.

The president appointed a committee to represent the Children's Ward of the Hospital in the League. Sixteen charities of the city were enrolled in this League.

At the first meeting of the League, held in May, October 19 was agreed upon as "Tag Day" for Chicago. At that meeting the following rules were adopted:

1. Each charity was to have its own headquarters on Tag Day.
2. Each charity was limited to one hundred workers and one hundred badges.
3. Each charity was entitled to the full amount of money collected by its workers.

The president spent the summer in developing the Tag Day plans.

The committee began its work late in September. The undertaking was of such magnitude that in the beginning the task seemed hopeless. To simplify the work the city and suburbs were divided into districts, according to churches. The divisions were the North, the South and the West Sides. Each division had a director in charge, and each director had separate groups working under her instructions. The groups increased in number according to the extent of her territory. At the October meeting of the Board the president made a strong appeal for workers, and forty members of the Board responded, to whom were added one hundred and eighty-three outside workers.

We had many discouragements; and to the very eve of Tag Day were not sanguine of success. October 19 proved to be an ideal day as to weather. Surely Providence was upon our side! The workers were all full of enthusiasm.

Headquarters were central, at the Columbus Safe Deposit Vaults. Each division had local workers and representatives in the loop district. The hundred badges changed hands often, and the boxes were kept busy from early morning until late at night. From Lake Forest on the north to Hyde Park on the south, Oak Park, Hinsdale, Riverside and many of the West Side churches furnished workers. Dimes, nickels, and even pennies were as gladly received as were bills and checks.

The cause of the helpless children appealed to all classes. As a rule, rich and poor were glad of the opportunity, and gave according to their ability. When the boxes were opened and the

contents counted, it was found that after paying all necessary expenses, we have \$3,869.03 to place in our treasury. This amount has been duly turned over to the Corporate Board for the benefit of the Children's Ward of the Hospital.

The ladies who failed to embrace their privilege and take an active part on Tag Day missed a great opportunity. It was an unusual, an unique experience, as it were, looking into the souls of people. In the two hours that I spent upon the street selling tags I gained a deeper insight into human nature than I had ever had before. Surely, in some cases at least, "the end justifies the means."

MRS. WM. J. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

THE ROENTGEN RAY.

One of the most effective agents in diagnosis and therefore in cure is the Roentgen ray, commonly called the X-ray, used at first for the detection of broken bones, dislocated joints and the presence in the body of foreign solid substances. But such progress has been made in the use of the ray that even diseases of the softer organs, such as the heart and the lungs, may sometimes be detected.

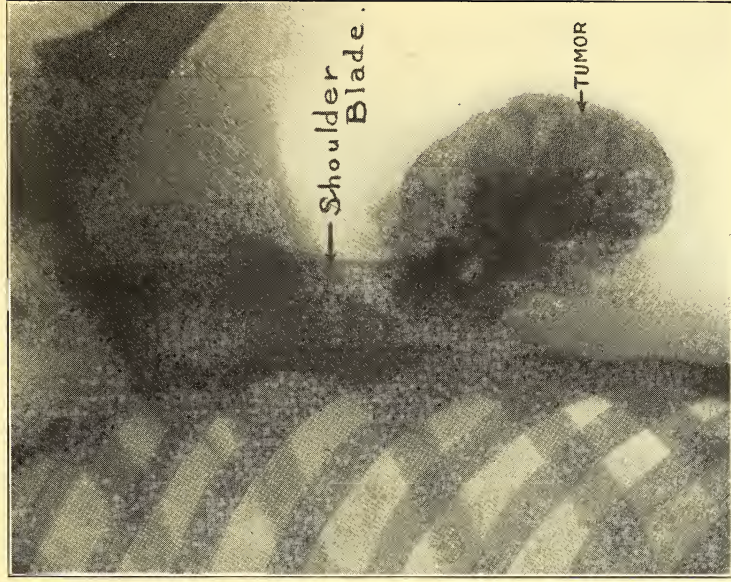
Fear of pain or of bad results from the use of the ray is not uncommon. A short time ago was brought to the hospital a little girl suspected by her mother of having swallowed a coin, although the child suffered no inconvenience. The mother refused to permit the application of the ray, fearing pain to her darling. But a few days later the child was brought back, suffering greatly; and after the ray had revealed the presence of the coin it was with great difficulty removed. The pain and consequent illness would have been avoided had the operation been performed earlier. At present the promise can be made in advance that there will be absolutely no pain nor other serious consequences result from making X-ray pictures of diseased or injured organs.

The Presbyterian Hospital was one of the first in the country to use the X-ray; and its use in the hospital is constantly becoming more scientific. In certain diseases of the skin and in certain abnormal growths X-rays are used for treatment. Thus another agent is furnished for the cure of disease.

The accompanying pictures were selected to show how X-rays penetrate the tissues of the body and reveal the extent of diseased conditions, thus contributing to the exactness of medical science. The photographs were taken in the hospital.



An X-Ray Picture Showing How a Stone in the Kidney May Be Located.



An X-Ray Picture Showing a Bony Tumor of the Shoulder-blade.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BOARD.

REPORT OF FURNISHING COMMITTEE.

Purchases in September, 1909.

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|---|----------|
| 290 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards Lockwood Bleach Muslin, at 12c..... | \$ 34.89 |
| 280 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards Big Stick Brown Muslin, at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c..... | 17.55 |
| 356 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards Rainbow Bleach Muslin, at 7c..... | 24.94 |
| 318 yards Forest Mills Bleach Muslin, at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c..... | 23.09 |
| 353 yards Olden Day Muslin, at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c..... | 16.78 |
| 89 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards Curtain Net, at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c..... | 11.16 |
| 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards Terry (bath toweling), at 15c..... | 3.94 |
| 1 dozen Tape Measures, at 23c..... | .23 |
| 12 dozen Coates Thread, at 58c..... | 6.47 |
| 5 pounds Dressmaker's Pins, at 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ c..... | 2.14 |
| 6 boxes White Binding, at 70c..... | 4.20 |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ gross Silk Tape Binding, at \$4.25..... | 2.13 |

\$147.48

Purchases in October, 1909.

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| 4 dozen Brooms | \$ 20.00 |
| 1 dozen Floor Brushes | 13.50 |
| 2 dozen Counter Brushes | 8.00 |
| 4 dozen Pails | 12.00 |
| 2 dozen Mop Sticks | 1.70 |
| 12 dozen Scrub Brushes | 15.00 |
| 12 dozen Sink Brushes | 15.00 |
| 12 dozen Hand Brushes | 5.40 |
| 1 dozen Clothes Baskets | 7.50 |
| 4 dozen Waste Baskets | 22.00 |
| 1 dozen Carpet Sweepers | 22.00 |
| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen Stepladders | 28.50 |
| 2 dozen Towel Rollers | 1.50 |
| 6 dozen Hair Brushes | 10.50 |
| 6 dozen Combs | 5.10 |
| 6 dozen Bottle Brushes | 4.50 |
| 2 dozen Window Cleaners | 3.60 |
| 1 dozen Garbage Cans | 28.78 |

\$296.58

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| 229 yards Forest Mills Bleach Muslin (patients' gowns), at 7½c per yard..... | \$ 71.00 |
| 294 yards Big Stick Brown Muslin (patients' gowns), at 6½c | 19.14 |
| 55 yards Cypress Duck (back rests), at 12c..... | 6.60 |
| 244 yards Dwight Anchor, bleached (screen covers, sheets to children's ward), at 25c..... | 61.06 |
| 85½ yards Pride of Dixie Ticking (bed pan covers, brush covers, laundry bags), at 8c..... | 6.84 |
| 127½ yards Rainbow Muslin (for employes, to be paid for by them), at 7½c..... | 9.53 |
| 51 yards Sterling Denim (for door pads and chair pillow covers), at 16c..... | 8.16 |
| 81 yards Flannelette (for dressing sacques for charity pa- tients), at 7½c..... | 6.08 |
| 300 yards Crash, tea toweling, at 8c..... | 24.00 |
| 570 yards Crash, hand toweling, at 10c..... | 57.03 |
| 345 yards Crash, Op. toweling, at 12c..... | 41.49 |
| 308 yards Crash, Op. toweling, at 11½c..... | 35.48 |
| 150 yards Crash, Op. toweling, at 12c..... | 18.00 |
| 112½ yards Linen (for dresser scarfs), at 25c..... | 28.09 |
| 15 dozen Napkins, at \$2..... | 30.00 |
| 20 dozen Coates thread, at 53c..... | 15.08 |
| 12 pounds Dressmaker's Pins (box), at 42½c..... | 5.13 |
| 12 boxes Pins in papers, at 70c..... | 8.70 |
| 12 dozen Mica Sheets, at \$10..... | 120.00 |
| 12 dozen Pillow Slips, at \$2.12..... | 25.44 |
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| | \$246.77 |

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| 2 dozen Teapot Covers..... | \$ 1.20 |
| 12 dozen Butters (individual) | 3.00 |
| 11¾ dozen Salts and Peppers..... | 10.58 |
| 2 dozen Sauce Dishes..... | 2.94 |
| 11-12 dozen Oatmeals | 2.65 |
| Plates | 3.48 |
| 2½ dozen Fruit Dishes..... | 3.68 |
| 1 dozen Oatmeals | 2.45 |
| 2½ dozen Plates | 4.77 |
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| | \$34.75 |

Purchases in November, 1909.

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| 500 yards Scrim Curtaining..... | \$ 117.50 |
| Sheeting and Curtains | 43.00 |
| Tumblers and Dishes | 70.02 |
| Kitchen Utensils | 69.40 |
| 25 dozen Pillow Slips | 54.00 |
| 20 dozen Sheets | 203.00 |
| 5 dozen Pillow Slips | 10.80 |
| 4 dozen Sheets | 40.64 |
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| | \$ 608.36 |

Total purchases\$1,333.94

Gifts.

From Hinsdale Congregational Church, 1 bundle clothing; from Mrs. Hackney, 1 iron bed and springs.

MRS. LAFAYETTE MCWILLIAMS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF DELICACIES COMMITTEE,

September-December, 1909.

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| 1,308 glasses Jelly. | 1 peck Apples. |
| 303 quarts Fruit, Jam and Pickles. | 1 bottle Ginger Ale. |
| 68 quarts Grape Juice. | 10 cans Shrimps, etc. |
| 5 quarts Tomatoes. | 2 packages Gelatine. |
| 5 baskets Flowers. | 12 packages Cereals. |
| 4 boxes Nabisco Wafers. | 2 Chickens. |
| 1 dozen Lemons. | 1 basket Grapes. |
| 2 dozen Oranges. | 1 bunch Celery. |

\$192.25 in cash, including 100 "birthday pennies," from Primary Class Railroad Mission.

The above-named contributions came from the following-named churches: First, Ninth, First Oak Park, Austin, Maywood, Riverside, Forty-first Street-Presbyterian, Kenwood Evangelical, Hinsdale Congregational; also, from the Chicago Flower Mission, C. L. Hyde, and Mrs. Albert J. Averill.

MRS. CHARLES A. REED,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE NURSES HOME COMMITTEE.

| Average Number of Nurses— | October. | November. |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| In Hospital—Pupils | 72 | 77 |
| In Hospital—Graduates | 10 | 33 |
| In other hospitals | 3 | 1 |
| On 5-hour duty | 11 | 11 |
| Ill or absent | 5 | 7 |
| Pupils on Special Duty | 5 | 15 |
| Pupils in Preliminary Course | 15 | 4 |
| Graduates in Charge | 7 | 10 |

MRS. JAMES B. HERRICK,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE HAMILL NEEDLEWORK GUILD COMMITTEE FOR 1909.

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| Collected from churches named, articles..... | 763 |
| Received from Needlework Guild, articles..... | 150 |
| Purchased with money received, articles..... | 107 |

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| Total articles | 1,020 |
| Collected from churches named, cash | \$108.00 |

| Churches. | Articles. | Churches. | Articles. |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| First | 50 | Woodlawn Park | 26 |
| Second | 12 \$60 | Hinsdale | 48 |
| Third | 224 | Lake Forest | 86 |
| Sixth | 7 | River Forest | 9 |
| Forty-first Street | 40 | Riverside | 16 |
| Hyde Park | 15 \$10 | Highland Park | 36 \$38 |
| South Park | 13 | First, Oak Park..... | 165 |
| Lake View | 7 | Brookline | 9 |

MRS. HENRY C. HACKNEY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The largest number present at any one meeting of the Library Committee during the past three months has been nine; the smallest, three. Each month the cases have been refilled with books and magazines and many donations received and acknowledged. The chairman has purchased new paper covers for the books to the

amount of \$8.70, leaving a balance of \$8.05 in the treasury. Mr. Bacon has had the bookcases moved to their original places in the back hallway, giving us better light and space for our work.

JESSICA KASSON DODSON,
Chairman Pro Tem.

REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

Our Social Service Work has been progressing very nicely, under Miss Persons' able management. We feel Miss Persons is admirably qualified for the work, as she is sympathetic and interested, and at the same time uses good judgment in not allowing herself to pauperize the recipients of her help, by injudicious or too long continued assistance.

For the three months ending November 30, she has visited 158 cases, making 409 calls in that period. A large percentage of the cases visited have been infants or young children. In two instances in visiting children, tubercular mothers have been found in advanced stages of the disease. One has been induced to go to the Tuberculosis Dispensary, where she receives treatment and instruction. Another mother, who is nervous and lonely, some of her children at work and two in the Isolation Hospital, is going to assist this patient with her work, hoping thus to find distraction from her own troubles. Another mother has six children, one an infant, and her husband is partially paralyzed, and has been placed at Dunning. The sole income of this family is the \$4 a week earned by a fifteen-year-old daughter. They are receiving aid from the United Charities and the County, and have had clothing furnished them. Miss Persons is keeping them under supervision and will not allow them to suffer.

These are only a few of the many interesting cases that have come under Miss Persons' care.

We feel that our work is only in its infancy, and another year will see its scope greatly enlarged.

ESTHER STRAWBRIDGE BROPHY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL AND VISITING COMMITTEE.

The work of the Committee for the three months ending with November has consisted chiefly in visiting patients in the Hospital and in giving entertainments in the Hospital Chapel to those patients and nurses who have been able to attend.

Each week finds several of the Visiting Committee in the Hospital, distributing flowers and good cheer to those who so much need sympathy and comfort from outside.

In the months mentioned 1,040 visits have been made by different members of the Committee.

Three entertainments have been given, one each month, consisting chiefly of musical selections, readings and recitations. The Committee believes that there is a need of something to brighten the dull days of pain, and give our sick something to think of besides their own infirmities. The reception of the entertainments shows the appreciation of the auditors.

The September entertainment was given by the Eighth Church, under the direction of Miss White, assisted by Mrs. L. A. Crittenton, Miss J. P. Chalmers, Mr. W. L. Riedell, vocalist; Miss Jean Burgess, pianist. By request, Miss White related the laughable story of the "Crooked Mouth," to the great amusement of the audience. Rev. J. J. Rae gave an interesting informal talk.

The October entertainment was given by the Central Park Church, and consisted of musical selections by Miss Margaret Douglas, Miss Marguerite Ray, Miss Lillian McLeach, Mr. J. H. Millard, and readings by Miss Violet MacCloud.

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The November entertainment was kindly furnished by students from the McCormick Theological Seminary, including the Seminary Quartette, Messrs. Davis, DeWitt, Humphrey and Deever. The programme was as follows:

PROGRAMME.

1. Selection.....McCormick Seminary Quartette
2. Reading.....J. N. Zydeman
3. Solo.....W. O. Davis
4. Violin.....Miss Marion Daw
5. Reading.....J. N. Zydeman
6. Solo.....L. H. McCormick
7. Selection.....Quartette

MRS. A. A. LINCOLN,
Chairman.

Brief services are held every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock in the chapel of the Hospital. While these services are designed primarily for the patients, everyone is welcome.

THE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT OF THE PRESBY- TERIAN HOSPITAL.

Christmas eve, as the patients entered the chapel decorated so beautifully with evergreens, holly and Christmas bells, they seemed to leave all thoughts of suffering behind them, and to enter at once into the happy spirit of the Yuletide. These Christmas entertainments are given every year at the hospital and are looked forward to with pleasure by the patients who are there at that time. This year a musical was given by the Senior Choir of Erie Chapel, Mr. Walter C. Gielow, director. The soloists assisting were: John M. Deepdahl, violinist; Arthur Lee Rice, cornetist; Mrs. George Peterson, soprano; Ida Grace Hanson, contralto; Herbert T. Gielow, baritone; Lincoln Higgins, reader; Lillian Rasmussen and Elmer G. Johnson, accompanists. It was a program of Christmas music and readings, given in a splendid manner. At the close of the program Mr. Bacon announced the arrival of Santa Claus, who came in immediately, making a happy little speech to the children, who watched him with eager, radiant faces as he opened his large bag, which contained a present for each child. As the little ones were wheeled out by the nurses, they held up their presents to be admired by the older patients, who wished them a Merry Christmas.

IN MEMORIAM. MRS. JAMES FRASER.

Mrs. Susan Fraser, for many years a devoted member of the Woman's Auxiliary Board, died October 28, 1909.

Mrs. Fraser was born in Scotland, the daughter, as she afterwards became the wife, of an elder in the Presbyterian Church. She and her husband were charter members of the Jefferson Park Church, transferring their membership to the Third Church eleven years ago. After fifty years of married life, she passed to the hereafter, beloved and honored by all who knew her.

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Mr. William A. Douglas, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital, has lately suffered a great bereavement in the death of his son, William A., Jr., in an automobile accident near Pottstown, Pa. The boy, sixteen years of age, was a youth of exceptional Christian character, whose influence on his friends and schoolmates was always uplifting. It is sad to see extinguished such a young life of such rare promise. But his memory will always be fragrant.

REPORT ON WORK DONE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1909:

During the six months of the fiscal year we cared for 2,053 patients, as against 1,672 for the same period last year, an increase of 381 patients.

Our total number of days' treatment of patients was 32,375, of which 8,984 were entirely free and 16,441 partly paid; or, 28 per cent free, 50 per cent part pay, and 22 per cent who paid full cost for their keeping.

Charity District Work.

Total calls made by Hospital doctors and nurses, 436.

Obstetrical cases cared for, 56. Number of births, 56.

No deaths.

The total cost for *all* charity work was \$43,333.

The above figures show a decided increase in the number of patients cared for, in the total days' treatment, and in the amount of charity work.

Following is a list of the Internes who have left the Hospital since October, 1909:

DR. ALBERTUS B. POPPEN, 1790 Emerald Avenue, Denver, Colo.

DR. SAMUEL BECK HERDMAN, Taylorville, Ill.

DR. B. RUSSELL WALLACE, Albany, Ore.

DR. FRANCIS ELIAS, Guy's Hospital, London, England.

ASA BACON,
Superintendent.

RULES.

1. Patients suffering from severe accidents or serious illness shall be admitted to the Hospital at any hour of the day or night.

2. Other patients shall be admitted between 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m.

They must apply in person at the office of the Hospital, when they will be examined by the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital or some other physician or surgeon appointed by him for that purpose.

In case the patient cannot apply in person, the Medical Superintendent shall satisfy himself that the case is a proper one for the Hospital, before admission can be granted.

3. Any physician or surgeon may send to the Hospital such pay patients as may be properly admitted, but no patient shall be admit-

ted to any of the endowed beds, except by the permission of the Superintendent, or upon the recommendation of a member of the Board of Managers, signed by the President.

4. Applications for the admission of patients must be accompanied by a certificate of a physician or some reputable person in their neighborhood, if not recommended by a member of the Medical Board, and in no instance shall a patient who is able to pay be admitted without such a certificate.

5. No patient shall be allowed to remain in the Hospital longer than three months, except upon the recommendation of the attending physician or surgeon.

FREE BEDS AND MEMBERS.

The donation of \$10,000 entitles the donor to designate a room in the Private Pavilion, which shall be named as desired by the donor and remain as a perpetual memorial.

A donation of one hundred dollars or more constitutes the donor a life member of the institution.

A yearly donation of ten dollars constitutes an annual member.

A FEW LETTERS.

October 21, 1909.

Dear Superintendent:—

My wife and I want to express to you our gratitude for what was done for us in restoring her to health. As I am deprived of one arm, I am unable to earn more than barely what we must have to live on when we are both well, consequently am unable to pay Doctor or Hospital. We want to thank you for what the Hospital has done for us, and will always remember it as a friend in need.

Sincerely,

MR. and MRS. _____.

October 28, 1909.

Dear Superintendent:—

Words fail me when I wish to express my appreciation of what the Hospital has done for me, and the least I can say is that my heart is overflowing with gratitude.

Thanking you from the bottom of my heart, and may God bless the Hospital, I remain,

Your grateful friend,

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Superintendent, The Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago.**

THIS number of the BULLETIN contains some matter which we consider unusually interesting, to which we invite the careful attention of our readers. Such, for instance, is the communication from Mr. Albert M. Day, president of the Board of Managers of the Hospital, concerning the bequest of the late Mr. Thomas Murdoch; Dr. Culbertson's presentation of the work of the Maternity Department; Mrs. Brophy's report on the labors of her committee in the homes of patients.

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Besides the magnificent bequest of Mr. Murdoch, the hospital will receive \$30,000 from Mrs. Frances E. Curtis, recently deceased, concerning whose beneficent life a few words are found in another column. Gifts other than money are constantly received, some of them small in pecuniary value, but bearing testimony to the kind hearts of the donors, and conveying happiness to the recipients. How much pleasure is given to the children in the hospital by the toys, the scrap-books, the pictures can be realized only by those who can see their smiling faces. One gift that is a never-failing source of delight is a phonograph, with a cabinet of choice records. This was given by Mrs. Louis H. Fairchild, of New Orleans, who, passing through Chicago, was taken ill, and recovered her health in our hospital. It may not be amiss to say that the phonograph is a "Victor," that the cabinet has some vacant shelves, and that when these shelves are

filled other cabinets can be secured. (The above had just been written when the information was brought that a five-year-old boy, whose name is given elsewhere, had contributed five dollars to the purchase of records, selecting them himself. We trust that our hint may have even greater results when it shall be in type.)

A great improvement in the old-fashioned wicker basket bed for babies is found in the wire-basket, twelve of which were given to the Hospital by Mrs. James Simpson. Pictures of the old and of the new style are found on page 9.

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It is difficult to read Mrs. Brophy's report without one's heart growing tender. It reveals so much poverty, ignorance and wretchedness, and gives a glimpse, also, of the Christian work done by the hospital outside of its walls. The sympathy shown by the members of this committee cannot fail to arouse the gratitude of the recipients of its gracious care. "Sick and in prison, and ye visited me," said the Master. So many of the sick are in the prison of poverty, the walls of which are as unscalable as if they were constructed of granite. The work of this committee, as well as that of the Visiting Committee, illustrates the fact that a hospital is something more than a place for the care and healing of sick bodies; its ministrations find their way into the recesses of sick souls, and gently soothe griefs otherwise hidden. The hospital has another function, also. It is a great educational agent, not only in matters medical and sanitary, but in those of the broadest humanity.

Chicago, February 11, 1910.

MRS. HENRY H. BELFIELD,

5738 Washington avenue, city.

Dear Madam:—In reply to your request for information concerning the bequest of the late Mr. Thomas Murdoch, I take pleasure in giving you an abstract from his will. After making sundry bequests, Section 28 reads as follows:

"TWENTY-EIGHT: I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of every kind and nature and wherever situated, in equal shares, to the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago, the American Sunday School Union, established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago; the said gift to the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago to be used in establishing and endowing a

department of the hospital owned and controlled by said corporation for women or children, or both, and such endowment shall be called The Jane Murdoch Memorial Fund, in memory of my sister Jane."

This magnificent bequest is a noble testimonial to the thoughtfulness and generosity of Mr. Murdoch, and marks an important era in the history of this hospital. The memory of Mr. Murdoch and his sister will be perpetually preserved in the annals of the hospital on account of this gift, which marks a most important step towards the full fruition of this work which we are all looking forward to and hoping for. The amount of this bequest will be not less than five hundred thousand dollars. You will notice that it is left for a specific purpose. It must be used for the care of women and children. This does not mean that the hospital will be obliged to use the entire amount in doing additional work beyond what the hospital is now doing for women and children. It will in a great measure relieve us of the expense now incurred by these services and give us such money to be used in the general work of the hospital. To that extent it will be an increase of our general endowment.

It is the opinion of the executors of Mr. Murdoch's will that his desires and purposes would be best served by the erection of a building to be named in memory of his sister. Should this be carried out the endowment will be reduced to that extent. Such plan would be of the greatest advantage to the hospital, as the Ross-Hamill building should be replaced with a modern fireproof structure, with modern appliances for hospital uses. There is danger that the friends of the hospital, thinking of such a large bequest as has come to it, will conclude that the hospital is not in further need of money and will now be entirely able to take care of itself. Unfortunately this is not the true condition. In the first place, none of this money will be received by the hospital in less than a year, and during that time it will be necessary to raise as large an amount from our friends and the general public as in any year heretofore. I estimate that outside of the donations from churches and individuals, which have been regularly and generously contributed to us from year to year, it will probably be necessary to raise, for what we call our Centenary Fund, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to carry us through the coming year without any indebtedness. This can undoubtedly be done

if our friends and the public realize our condition, and are satisfied that our work is properly conducted and economically administered.

The Woman's Board can be of great advantage by giving all the information possible on those points, and seeing to it that there is no lack of knowledge concerning it.

But, in addition, our School for Nurses is inadequately cared for. As you know, we are obliged to use the fifth floor of the Private Pavilion to house them at the present time. There is today not a vacant room in the hospital, and we should have this fifth floor for patients. It is a hardship to those who would like to come here and take rooms in our Pavilion for treatment, and it curtails our receipts from the building, which was erected for the purpose of obtaining additional revenue. It is imperative that a new building, sufficiently large to take care of the requirements of the Training School in the future and comfortably house them in the present, should be erected without delay.

To secure for the hospital the best service for all its different departments, it is highly to be desired that the children's service should be installed in a separate building. That is the strong desire of our Medical Staff and has a great many arguments for its necessity.

What we need, therefore, at the present time is sufficient money to erect this nurses' home and a building for the children's service. The magnificent bequest of Mr. Murdoch marks a very important advance in our ability to do our work, but also opens a very great opportunity. If the Ross-Hamill building can be replaced with a modern structure, a new building for the Training School erected, and also proper provision for our children's service, we would then have a very complete hospital, thoroughly balanced as between the different services, with every opportunity for doing as good work as can be done anywhere in the country. We have, as you know, a very strong Medical Staff, deeply interested in the work of the hospital, thoroughly loyal to its best interests in every way, and anxious to perfect its service to the highest standard. In time to come there is an opportunity in connection with the Rush Medical College of doing a great research work, which will be of inestimable value to the country and very likely to the world. I have no doubt whatever that that will come in time, but the subjects which I have mentioned are of pressing

necessity. The question for all of us to consider now is, "Can we obtain the necessary funds to do this required work?" I trust that the Woman's Board may be able to give us some important suggestions on this point.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT M. DAY,
President.

THE MATERNITY DEPARTMENT.

The development of the Maternity service of the Presbyterian Hospital is virtually a development of the past five or six years. Up to that time, while the hospital conducted a department for the care of obstetrical cases, they were cared for in old buildings not well adapted for the purpose. With the demolition of these structures, however, made necessary in preparation for the erection of the new private pavilion, the department was moved into quarters on the second floor of the old Ross-Hamill building—the original portion of the Presbyterian Hospital. Since then, having more room and being in a better position for hospital service, the department has increased in importance and in the number of cases, until, during the past two or three years, we have occupied all the room that the management could let us have.

At present the department has the use of eleven beds in small wards—rooms of two or three beds respectively—one private room, a nursery and a separate delivery room. In addition to this, two other private rooms in the same corridor are at our disposal at times, besides those occupied in other portions of the hospital by patients whose means afford the better accommodations. Concerning private patients, however, this article has very little to do, since they may be cared for, with special nursing, in any hospital with or without a properly equipped maternity department.

With such facilities as we are now provided, including a head maternity nurse and a corps of pupil nurses, the department takes care of approximately one hundred and fifty cases each year. These patients are, in greatest part, women in poor circumstances, who can afford to pay for ward beds, or who are entirely dependent. The house management has been very liberal in caring for free patients that have come in from various

sources, particularly from the Dispensaries, Visiting Nurses' Association, United Charities, the various settlements, and institutions such as the Foundlings' Home.

A more interesting feature of the maternity service, however, is that devoted to the care of the deserving poor in their houses—the so-called "out-patient service." This extension of hospital activity was inaugurated in 1904, and is a feature somewhat unique in hospital work in Chicago. While there are institutions devoted to the care of obstetrical cases in the home, there are few general hospitals that have taken up this phase of the work to any marked extent. From a modest beginning this service has grown until today it reaches out into all parts of the city and cares for about one hundred and twenty-five cases yearly. The most valuable feature of the work, next to the actual conduct of the case, is its educational value in the home. Internes and nurses go to the homes of the patients with a well-equipped outfit suitable for conducting the confinement according to the best hospital technique, bringing to these poor and often ignorant mothers the visible expression of cleanliness and asepsis. The doctors and nurses visit the cases daily until they may be safely discharged. Often clothing for the babies is furnished and very often clean linen for the mother's bed. A clean sheet is a definite factor in the education of the poor towards hygienic living. These women also have the advantage of consultation and care in anticipation of the confinement. They come to the hospital or adjacent dispensary previously, are registered, given such advice and medicine as may be required, and are even visited in their houses when necessary. In this sub-patient work especially, we are in co-operation with the Olivet Association on the North Side, of which institution the resident nurse, Miss Persons, gives us invaluable assistance. Thus, in some respects, the out-patient service is of even greater value than that in the hospital itself.

The needs of this department are manifest to anyone interested enough to respect the service. The greatest needs are three in particular:

1. The hospital should be provided with a number of definitely endowed beds that could be free.
2. It should have a much larger number of cheap, private rooms.
3. It should have a definite fund for the conduct of the out-patient service. Some of these needs may be provided for in the

projected reconstruction of the old wing. But the service has now grown to such proportions that it must be provided for—it can only go on increasing. Chicago is peculiarly ill-provided with maternity facilities, more so than any other large city. It is due the Presbyterian Hospital to set a mark that will not be soon surpassed.

In conclusion, it might be well to state why this service is so important. This ought not to be necessary in a day of hygienic enlightenment, but, lest some are yet in the dark, we will say it again. It is only by a practical application of the most modern scientific cleanliness that obstetrics is robbed of its past terrors, child-bed fever for the mother, with resultant death or chronic invalidism, and blindness for the child. In past years the mortality and morbidity on the part of mother and child were enormous. Today the same is true in the hands of the untrained and ignorant, whom the law still permits to care for these most precious of all patients. Yet these dangers do not enter into consideration where the perfection of hospital technique is employed, and it is this that the Presbyterian Hospital maternity service has to offer so far as it has the means to provide.

CAREY CULBERTSON, M. D.,

Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Special effort has been made this year by everyone interested in this Hospital and by those connected with the administration of its affairs to make the Easter offering the largest that has ever been given to the Hospital.

As plans for participations in Hospital Day went forward, it was feared that an appeal to follow so soon after Easter would in all probability affect this Easter offering in the churches.

Therefore, acting on advices from Presbytery and the Board of Managers of the Hospital, the Woman's Auxiliary decided to withdraw from the Chicago Hospital Day Association. This official action was taken at a special meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary held at the Hospital on March 17, and called by the president to consider the matter.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BOARD.

REPORT OF THE FURNISHING COMMITTEE.

Purchased.

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| 997½ yds. Olden Days Bleach. | Bodkins, Needles, Thimbles. |
| 596¼ yds. Big Stick Brown. | 2 doz. Whisk Brooms. |
| 500 yds. Scrim. | 2 doz. Dust Pans. |
| 1,023½ yds. Moultrie. | 4 doz. Teapots. |
| 186 yds. Coats' Cotton. | 1 2-3 doz. Soup Bowls. |
| 750 doz. Binding. | Coffee Cups. |
| 339 yds. Flannel. | 6 doz. Sugars. |
| 240 yds. Crash. | 20 doz. Tumblers. |
| 84 yds. Net. | Copper Jars, Soup Tureens, |
| 146 gross Buttons. | Beating Bowl. |

Total cost\$513.63

MRS. LAFAYETTE MCWILLIAMS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE DELICACIES COMMITTEE.

Received.

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| 852 glasses Jelly. | 1 basket Figs. |
| 212 quarts Fruit. | 5 pounds Rice. |
| 52 doz. Oranges. | 2 pounds Dates. |
| 1 doz. Bananas. | 1 pound Mint. |
| 22 pkgs. Breakfast Foods. | 6 pounds Prunes. |
| 4 pkgs. Biscuit. | 12 cans Vegetables. |
| 2 pkgs. Spaghetti. | 2 bottles Chili Sauce. |
| 6 pkgs. Gelatine. | 8 bottles Grape Juice. |

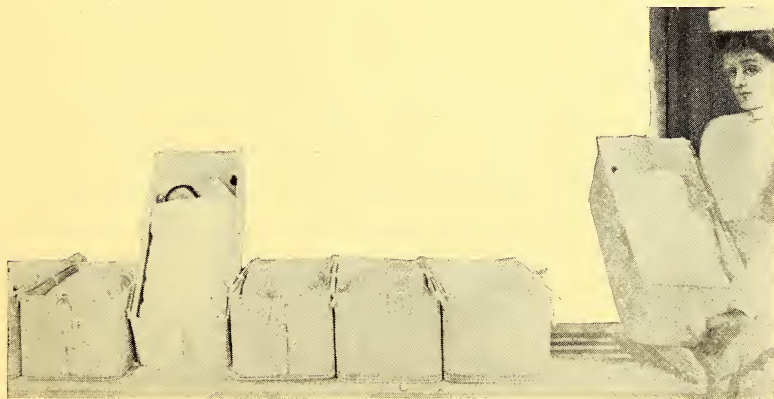
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The above from the following named churches: Third, Lake View, Edgewater, Central Park, River Forest, Highland Park, Brookline, and Scotch Westminster.

MRS. ROBERT OWENS,
Chairman.



THE OLD STYLE.



THE NEW STYLE.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL AND VISITING COMMITTEE,

Visiting in the hospital during the past months has been particularly interesting; there have been so many patients who especially appeal to one's sympathies on account of the weight of trouble as well as the physical suffering which has come upon them. Yet a strong faith in God has enabled them to bear all patiently and sweetly. A young man asked two of our visitors not long since: "Why do you come to visit us?" When they replied: "We do it for love of the Master." He said: "You could not do a more Christlike act." The visitor sometimes becomes the confidant; and personal troubles are perhaps lightened a little by being poured into sympathetic ears. If we cannot meet and relieve all of these conditions, which we long to do, we can at least point the sufferer to the great Burden Bearer.

During December, January and February the committee has made 1,180 visits.

MRS. A. A. LINCOLN,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE NURSES' HOME COMMITTEE.

On April 1, the School for Nurses starts the eighth year of its existence. Its growth within that time, from a class of twenty pupils to its present number of 107, indicates that young women seeking the nurse training have appreciated an organization planned to provide them with excellent instruction in all branches of nursing and, at the same time, to preserve their good health by arranging a short working day, giving suitable yearly vacations, and otherwise guarding them from overwork.

The growth of the school has, in fact, been so rapid that to accommodate satisfactorily our staff of 127 nurses, including twenty head nurses, instructors and supervisors, the necessity of an addition to the present home becomes daily more urgent.

It is now planned to hold the graduating exercises for 1910 on April 26, at 3 o'clock, in the home. Twenty-six nurses will be granted diplomas.

The Mary Byrne Fund, in memory of the only member of the school who has died since its organization, is increasing very slowly. The interest of the friends of the institution is solicited for this effort of the nurses.

The following recent donations are acknowledged with thanks:

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Sprague, tickets for the Thomas Orchestra.
Miss Elizabeth Gates Ross, one small case grapefruit.
Dr. Arthur Dean Bevan, one surgical text book.

Mr. Dwight Neumann, tickets for the Boston opera, the Neumann lectures and for several concerts.

MRS. JAMES B. HERRICK,
Chairman.

REPORT OF SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

The duties of the Social Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary Board are to help new members to become acquainted with the older members, and to help them to learn something of the actual work of the hospital. It is also a part of the work of this committee to arrange for a general social gathering and luncheon immediately following the regular meetings of October and February. After luncheon sewing is done for the hospital. At the close of the February meeting about fifty ladies remained for luncheon and thirty to sew; the work was hemming table napkins. We feel that these gatherings, where we come to know each other better, and to know more in detail the good work being done, are helpful in creating a wider and deeper interest in the hospital work.

MRS. R. A. CHILDS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

During the past three months 257 books have been covered and distributed. At Mr. Bacon's suggestion, that the books be changed oftener, an extra visit by three members of the committee was made in February and the cases replenished. In the future we plan to do this every two weeks, since reading material is in great demand and we find the bookcases quite empty before the day of the board meeting. Miss Persons has been glad to take our discarded books and magazines for her poor families and for the Cook County Hospital patients.

Again we wish to thank the ladies of the board for their liberal donations on March 7, when 102 books were received, besides a check for five dollars, which will be used for the purchase of foreign books and subscriptions to appropriate magazines.

Through Mrs. Fisher, of the Brookline Church, we received a

large package of beautiful scrap-books, made by the young ladies of that Sunday school. Each child in the ward received one, and the donors would have felt well repaid could they have seen the delight and interest in the little folks.

JESSIE KASSON DODSON,
Chairman pro tem.

REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

While the carrying out of prophylactic measures to complete the cure of the discharged patient was the original object of social service in connection with hospitals, in our work we have not restricted our attention to the patient who has been in the hospital, but have tried to reach every member of the family into which the patient returned on leaving the hospital.

Naturally, the improvement of home conditions for the sake of the patient has benefited the rest of the family, but we frequently find several patients in a home to which we have followed but one. Following up a child after a slight surgical operation has brought us to a mother with tuberculosis, unfortunately beyond the curable stage; a mother and babe have introduced us to older children with chorea, strabismus and other ailments of childhood. This multiplication of cases through the family is so common that the number with which we have come in contact and helped, or tried to help, far exceeds our original hospital cases.

In the six months since we began this work, 225 cases have been followed from the hospital or dispensary and 160 additional found in the homes. Of these 34 were out maternity cases and 152 were children. The number of calls made was 838.

During the early part of the winter considerable help in the way of clothing was given and at Christmas a special effort was made to bring holiday cheer to thirteen families. A donation of \$100 from Mr. A. M. Day, as well as generous gifts from other friends, made these things possible.

Twenty-four families were helped in some material way during the winter.

In January fifty dollars was raised, principally by the members of the Woman's Auxiliary Board, toward an artificial foot for a man who had had an amputation in the hospital. Books and magazines that were donated by the Library Committee are joyfully received in the homes of our patients.

Clothing has been given by Mrs. Belfield, Mrs. Tucker, Miss

Montfort, Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. H. C. Patterson, Mrs. James Watson, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Basey, Mrs. F. S. Smith, Mrs. Draper, Miss Drake and other friends. A cradle, with bedding, by Mrs. Belfield; child's go-cart by Mrs. Basey.

Money donations have been received as follows:

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| Mrs. Lincoln | \$ 1.00 |
| Mrs. Brophy | 16.00 |
| Committee Fund | .50 |
| Miss E. Persons | .50 |
| Mrs. Nichols | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Newell | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Robt. Stuart | 15.00 |
| Mr. A. M. Day..... | 100.00 |
| Hinsdale Congregational Church..... | 60.00 |
| South Park Presbyterian Christian Endeavor..... | 2.80 |
| Teichman Fund | 43.50 |
| Making a total amount of \$242.30. Of this amount \$108.35 has been expended in the work, \$32.50 loaned, leaving a balance on hand of \$101.45. | |

Following is a list of the various charitable institutions that have co-operated with us in various ways:

- Bureau of Personal Service, one case.
- Jewish Aid Society, four cases.
- Children's Hospital Society, eleven cases.
- United Charities, eight cases.
- Chicago Tuberculosis Institute, twelve cases.
- Visiting Nurse Association, four cases.
- Convalescent Homes, four cases.
- Juvenile Court, two cases.
- Board of Health, five cases.
- Social Settlements, one case.
- Rush Medical Dispensary, ten cases.
- Other hospitals, six cases.
- Hinsdale Fresh Air Home, two cases.
- Also, private physicians, four cases.

Wendell Real Estate Company, one case; got rent reduced \$2.00 per month.

Storm Supporter Company, one case; furnished supporter.

One of the interesting maternity cases was a woman with four children. They were living in furnished rooms, very poor and dirty. As her husband was earning fifteen dollars a week she

was encouraged to save and furnish her own rooms, which she did. One little girl has been twice in the hospital with bronchitis, and is probably tubercular. She is now placed beyond Evanston in a private home with her little sister, who has had tonsils and adenoids removed. The mother was found to have tuberculosis and is under treatment, bravely trying to cure herself. In visiting another maternity case at home, one child was found with strabismus and another with corea. The eyes of the first child were treated and glasses provided; the second was taken to the dispensary for treatment.

These two maternity cases show how many children can be reached by following up the mothers as they leave the hospital.

We feel that Miss Persons in doing very good work, is interested, sympathetic, and judicious in administering aid, and that our work is very successful as far as we have gone.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. S. BROPHY,
Chairman.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The monthly entertainments for the patients of the Hospital were given as usual.

For December, Mrs. Dodson secured the services of Miss Jeannette Durno and of Miss Ellen Van Valkenburg.

In January, Miss Content Patterson brought the junior choir of nearly fifty voices, and Miss Mamie Ring added to the enjoyment by an exhibition of skill with Indian clubs.

The February entertainment, on the birthday of President Lincoln was, as was fitting, quite elaborate, and was dominated by the sentiment of patriotism. The chapel was adorned with flags, with a portrait of the martyred president, and with brief extracts from his writings.

Patriotic songs were sung.

In March, the Amateur Musical Club, whose services were obtained by Mrs. Dodson, gave a very delightful concert.

During the year which this entertainment closed, the average number of convalescent patients was forty-two.

IN MEMORIAM.

Another woman, whose life was filled with acts of beneficence, has passed to her reward. Mrs. Henry Curtiss, the only daughter of Mr. Nathaniel A. Jones, was born April 1, 1844, and died January 12, 1910. She was a member of the Kenwood Evangelical Church, of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of the Presbyterian Hospital, of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Northwest, and of the Young Woman's Christian Association. By her will, one-third of her fortune was donated to religious and philanthropic objects. Among her bequests are: To the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago, \$30,000; to the Visiting Nurses' Association, \$10,000.

REPORT OF WORK DONE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR FIVE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1910.

As our fiscal year ends March 31, I am unable at this time to give the statistics for the twelve months. Our January BULLETIN gave the report up to September 30, 1909, and the following is for the five months ending February 28, 1910.

During this time we admitted 1,943 patients, as against 1,590 for the same period of last year. A gain of 353 patients. The total number of days' treatment was 31,304, of which 8,430 were entirely free, and 16,958 were partly paid; *i. e.*, 27 per cent free, 54 per cent part paid, and 19 per cent paid full cost of their keeping.

CHARITY DISTRICT WORK.

Total calls made by hospital doctors and nurses, 245. Obstetrical cases cared for, 32; number of births, 32; number of deaths, 2. The total cost for all charity work was \$23,899.

In our next BULLETIN we will give a complete report of all the work done in the hospital for the fiscal year, and I can safely say at this time that it will surpass any year in the history of the institution.

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Dr. G. Stanley Barber finished his work as interne in the hospital on April 1, and has gone abroad for a year.

ASA BACON,
Superintendent.

DONATIONS.

From—

Cudney & Co., 300 pounds turkey.

James Graves, 8 bottles liquor.

Rentz Paper Company, 250 wooden plates.

Dennison & Co., 75 rolls tissue paper, 100 Christmas bells, 100 small flags, 200 patriotic napkins.

La Grange, 2 boxes toys.

Mrs. M. B. Hardin's Sunday school class, 3 dolls, 5 large scrap books, 3 dozen scrap books, 2 dozen pictures.

Little girls of Berwyn, 1 box dolls and clothing, 14 scrap books, 3 story books, 2 dozen valentines.

Miss M. N. Crissy's class, Riverside, 4 scrap books, 15 balls, dolls and toys.

Mrs. Louis H. Fairchild, phonograph, cabinet and records.

Martin B. Hardin, Jr., Victor records.

Mrs. James Simpson, 12 wire beds for babies.

Mr. Marvin Hughitt, for Christmas, \$25.00.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Regular services are held every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock in the chapel. Rev. Marion G. Cole, chaplain of the hospital, in charge.

The music is furnished by the young people of Erie Chapel.

VISITING DAYS.

Visiting days to wards: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, from 2 to 4 p. m. Not more than two persons permitted to visit a patient in one day.

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**Subscriptions, 50 Cents a Year, may be sent to Mr. Asa Bacon,
Superintendent, The Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago.**

This is Report number of the BULLETIN, and editorial space is limited. But it is fitting that mention should be made of the fact that the sixth Banquet of the Presbyterian Social Union, May 16, 1910, at the Auditorium Hotel, was "complimentary to the President, Superintendent, and Medical Staff of the Presbyterian Hospital."

The speakers were Drs. A. D. Bevan, Frank Billings, J. B. Herrick and J. C. Webster, and President A. M. Day. The addresses, which held the attention of the audience, described the advance of modern medical science, including the vast improvement in hospital construction and administration, and the value of the modern nurse. The opinion was expressed that the Presbyterian churches of Chicago and vicinity have not appreciated the great opportunity for doing good which the Presbyterian Hospital has afforded. This, President Day thinks, is due to a lack of knowledge by them of the history, work, and needs of the hospital.

At the close of the meeting, the Union adopted a resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. Covert, endorsing the work of the Hospital, and strongly urging the churches to give it their hearty and enthusiastic support.

The broadening of the scope of the aims of the Hospital is shown by the following important action by the Woman's Auxiliary Board at its April meeting. On motion of Mrs. Newell, seconded by Mrs. Shaw, it was resolved that the report of the Committee on the Training School for Nurses presented by Miss Drake be adopted. The report recommends the establishment of scholarships to assist the

training of women who desire to devote themselves to a most helpful department of the profession of nurse, and is as follows:

"That the Woman's Auxiliary Board of the Presbyterian Hospital establish in the Training School for Nurses in the Presbyterian Hospital two scholarships of four hundred and twenty dollars each, payable in monthly installments of ten dollars, for the use of any capable and worthy young women who will take training in this school in preparation for missionary or social service work; it being understood that the recipients shall give three years' work to such service, or refund to the Board all money received if they fail to engage in the proposed work, unless incapacitated by loss of health."

In response to numerous inquiries concerning the nature and object of the "Centenary Fund," we take pleasure in presenting the following from the pen of President Day:

"Our Centenary Fund is a fund which is raised by personal solicitation from year to year for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Hospital. It is designated "Centenary Fund" because it was hoped that our subscriptions would be in amounts of \$100.00 or multiples thereof. This has been the case in general. The Fund amounted the first year to about \$2,300.00. Last year this amount exceeded \$13,000.00. Had it not been for this increased subscription the administration for the year would have shown a deficit."

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BOARD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

Was held in the chapel of the Hospital, Monday, April 4, 1910, at 11 a. m.

Notwithstanding heavy showers, there was a large attendance, the seating capacity of the chapel being taxed to its utmost. Mr. A. M. Day, President of the Board of Managers of the Hospital, presided.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cain, Pastor of the Edgewater Church and Moderator of the Presbytery of Chicago.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Secretary, Miss Ross, also gave her annual report, showing ten regular meetings, one special meeting, and five special meetings of the Executive Committee. There were reported fifteen resignations, five deaths, and thirty-three accessions. Total number en-

rolled, one hundred and seventy-eight; average attendance, seventy-four. This report was accepted.

The Treasurer, Miss Mason, presented her annual report, showing for the year,

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| Receipts | \$13,833.47 |
| Expenditures | 12,436.53 |
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| Balance unappropriated | \$ 1,396.94 |

The Report was accepted and placed on file.

At the March meeting of the Board it was voted that a summary of committee work by a member appointed by the chair should be given at the Annual Meeting; this summary to take the place of the reports hitherto given by the Chairmen of the different Committees. Mrs. M. D. Hardin was appointed, and in a most acceptable manner presented the Summary found on another page of the BULLETIN. The chairmen of the various committees had sent to Mrs. Hardin the reports of their work, which she had arranged and condensed.

Miss McMillan, Superintendent of the Nurses' Training School, presented the need of increased accommodation for nurses, and of scholarships. Her report is given in full on page 4.

Rev. Dr. John R. Crosser, pastor of the Kenwood Evangelical Church, spoke of the missionary hospitals that he had seen on the coast of Labrador under the supervision of Dr. Grenfel, and in Canton, China.

The report of the nominating committee presented by Mrs. F. W. Leach was as follows:

President—Mrs. David W. Graham.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick, Mrs. Albert M. Day, Mrs. John Balcom Shaw, Mrs. Lincoln M. Coy, Mrs. Octavius S. Newell, Mrs. Willis G. Craig, Mrs. Frederick W. Crosby, Mrs. Martin B. Hardin, Mrs. John B. Lord.

Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Gates Ross.

Treasurer—Miss Rose B. Mason.

Executive Committee, Class of 1913—Mrs. Albert B. Dick, Mrs. Henry C. Hackney, Mrs. Maria W. Little, Mrs. George M. Reynolds, Mrs. Frank Rayner, Mrs. W. P. Dunn, Mrs. W. J. M. Lahl, Mrs. C. K. Pomeroy, Mrs. George L. Robinson, Mrs. William R. Tucker.

On motion of Mrs. W. J. Campbell the report was accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Board for

the entire ticket as reported. The ballot was cast, and the Secretary read the names of the officers elected.

Mr. Day expressed his appreciation of the work accomplished during the year, and urged the building of a new house for nurses. The work of the Social Committee especially appealed to him, and he expressed the wish that it might be extended.

Mrs. Graham thanked the Board for its appreciation of her services as evidenced by her re-election to the responsible position of President, and said that she was convinced that the highest usefulness of the Board depended upon its adaptability to changed and changing conditions.

The only item of new business was the substitution of the word *regular* in place of *annual* in Article 7 of the Constitution; due notice of the proposed change having been given at the March meeting.

All present were invited to remain for light refreshment, and to inspect the Hospital.

The Board then adjourned.

THE SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

At the end of the seventh year it becomes necessary for the School to make an earnest plea for assistance to relieve it of difficulties which hamper advancement and which prevent the desired development of its work.

Many opportunities for growth are continually presenting themselves which, for the sake of the Institution and the broadening of its students, would gladly be seized were the financial resources such as to allow of it. To permit such growth, as well as to secure lasting efficiency and stability of standing, it is essential that an endowment should be obtained for the School. Such an endowment is needed as would make possible the services of special teachers as occasion arises, would provide salaries for graduates to do necessary nursing work which is not of teaching value for the pupil, and would enable the Home to be kept in the condition the welfare of its inmates requires.

The need is becoming most urgent for an addition to the Home, with single sleeping rooms, proper class and lecture rooms, and other modern equipment. The lack of this accommodation, besides causing much inconvenience to the nursing staff, is depriving the Hospital of the use of one floor of its private pavilion, which has had to be held for sleeping rooms for nurses.

Of considerable benefit to the School and to its students would

be the establishment of scholarships. By this means young women meeting the entrance qualifications, but unable to enter for financial reasons, would be allowed to study in the School they prefer and the School itself would be aided by securing some desirable women who otherwise would have been compelled to go elsewhere.

The strong educative factor of nurses' schools of high standing to the women of the country is becoming more and more recognized. These schools, by the opportunities they offer of discipline and the development of self-control, of knowledge of the serious side of life, of service for others, so broaden their students that besides graduating nurses to care for the sick, they send out women practical, capable, and ready to do their share of the day's work, wherever that work may be apportioned to them.

This school, since its organization, has been assured of its acceptable work in the nursing care of the patients of the hospital; it has received evidences of its ability and high standing as a school for nurse training, and through the graduates themselves and the intimate friends of these graduates, it has had testimony of its influence for good in a wider, higher sense on the lives of these women. That the school exists and progresses is essential for the welfare of the hospital.

It would therefore seem that with such justification for its being, and with a fair record of past accomplishment, there would be offered to it ample assistance to lift it beyond its present struggle and to give it the chance it seeks to further justify itself; and that to obtain this aid it is only necessary to make its need known to its friends.

M. HELENA McMILLAN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BOARD OF THE PRESBY- TERIAN HOSPITAL OF CHICAGO FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1910.

The Annual Report of the various committees of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of the Presbyterian Hospital presents a summing up of the work accomplished during the year. That it may adequately show forth the results achieved, the new projects begun, the visions gained of yet other things to do, it must be read with imagination, it must be interpreted with understanding and with sympathy.

The sum of the outward achievement of the Woman's Board is set forth in this report. For those who have ears to hear, and hearts to understand, there lies behind words and statistics the

record of gracious and efficient ministry, a spirit eager to more thoroughly understand and more adequately solve the problems of this institution, and an increasing devotion among the women of our churches to the noble service to which this Hospital is pledged.

It was under new conditions that the women interested in the Presbyterian Hospital took up their work at the opening of the fiscal year, April 1st, 1909. A new name, new leader, and, through the addition of the Pavilion, increased opportunities awaited them. A new leader was necessary; continued ill health had forced into retirement the one under whose guidance the society had worked for so many years. The resignation of Mrs. Chas. D. Hamill was accepted, and she accepted the honorary presidency, while Mrs. David W. Graham was asked to assume the responsible position of acting president. Mrs. Graham was elected at the annual meeting, and but a few days thereafter there came to us news that Mrs. Hamill had been called unto higher service—and so, at the first meeting of the year, time was set apart for expressions of In Memoriam—for tributes of appreciation of her who had for so long given of her devoted labor to further the interests of this Board. Resolutions of sympathy were put upon our minutes and were sent to Mrs. Hamill's family.

With the close of the previous year, the name "Ladies' Aid Society," under which the organization had worked for a quarter of a century, was laid aside as a garment that is old, and clothed in new array, as the "Woman's Auxiliary Board," it stepped forth to render service by meeting so far as possible the demands laid upon it. There was not only the partial reorganization of committees already existing, but the creating of new committees—that the work of the Board be adapted to increased responsibility.

The first new committee to be organized was the Hamill Needle Work Guild Committee, as a memorial to Mrs. Hamill, whose chief interests were bound up in the two organizations, this Board and the Needle Work Guild of America, of which she had been for many years the President. The committee, organized with Mrs. H. C. Hackney as chairman, met two needs. It was to furnish linen supplies to the Hospital, and gifts of clothing to outgoing patients as they were needed. Successful as has been the work of this committee, in this one year, the Chicago branch of the Needle Work Guild of America felt that it was not working in harmony with their ideas. It has thus become necessary for the committee to disband, that it may reorganize under a new name, the Linen Committee, which shall, with Mrs. Hackney still its chairman,

through a sub-chairman in each church, as has been the plan in this past year, collect supplies of bed and table linen for the Hospital, trusting that the Needle Work Guild will, as in years past, send to us large donations of clothing which may be used as gifts at Christmas or any other time as the needs of the patients may require. Mrs. Hackney, chairman, reports for this year 1,020 articles, many of which were used at Christmas as gifts to the patients.

The Furnishing Committee, in one sense the most important of the Board, because upon it devolves the task of wisely spending the money contributed, was reorganized with Mrs. LaFayette McWilliams still its chairman. The purchasing of dry goods was placed in the hands of Mrs. L. J. Lamson and Mrs. G. R. Nichols. The china and glass were apportioned to Mrs. J. E. Downs and Mrs. Robert Stuart; the silver to Mrs. C. K. Pomeroy and Miss Dunham, and the household utensils to Mrs. W. P. Dunn and Mrs. C. G. Basey. The ladies report the following expenditures:

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Dry goods | \$3,307.02 |
| China and glass..... | 583.92 |
| Silver | 66.61 |
| Household Supplies | 893.16 |

Making a total of.....\$4,893.91

The large quantities of sewing done by the ladies of the different churches have served the double purpose of accomplishing much for the Hospital, and stimulating an interest in its needs. This committee extends its thanks to the friends who have donated so many things for the comfort of the patients.

The Social Committee, with Mrs. R. A. Childs as chairman, has in the two afternoon meetings held in October and February, following the regular meetings of the Board, also served the double purpose of promoting the acquaintance among members, and accomplishing a large amount of sewing. This committee is of very great service in making new members feel at home in our midst, and in increasing their knowledge of the work of the Board.

It is indeed a pleasure to give a report which shows so great an increase in contributions as the Committee on Delicacies is able to present to-day; when the chairman, Mrs. C. A. Reed, tells us of 2,595 glasses of jelly as against the 1,579 glasses of last year, with a similar increase all the way through, and with \$587.50 in money, we may rejoice indeed. There have been large gifts of grape juice, fruits, preserves and delicacies of all kinds, and yet when we realize that we have an average attendance of over 200 patients we are convinced

that this committee cannot be overzealous, nor can our contributions to it be too generous. The flowers, which have been sent in unusual profusion, have brought brightness to the wards, whose inmates are not so often remembered as are the private patients, with these fragrant messengers of peace.

The Visiting and Devotional Committee of fourteen members, with Mrs. A. A. Lincoln as chairman, presents a most interesting report of 2,190 visits made to patients in the Hospital. That these visits have brought comfort and cheer is attested by the many letters received from patients after their return to their homes, with warm expressions of appreciation of the kindness shown them. The chairman, in the closing words of her report, declares that this gracious ministry brings joy to the hearts of the committee, as well to the sufferers. She says: "We are grateful to God for this year of service, and thank Him that we are permitted to do this labor of love in His name." Another most beautiful feature of the work of the Visiting Committee has been their plan for the Saturday afternoon entertainments. These entertainments, held in the chapel, on the second Saturday of each month, under the direction of Miss White, have brought cheer and pleasure to the patients. The members of the committee themselves assist the patients into the chapel, which they have been able, through the courtesy of friends, to decorate most beautifully for these entertainments. The afternoons have been under the auspices of the different churches, and while the committee is most grateful to all those who have helped to make them a success, it would especially emphasize the courtesy of those not directly associated with the Hospital who have given their time and talents to assist in this lovely task. The quartette of McCormick Seminary rendered a most delightful program on one afternoon.

The Library Committee, with Mrs. J. M. Dodson as chairman, is devoting more time than is generally known to its very useful work. Its meets bi-monthly, to keep the bookcases replenished and properly classified. Books and magazines that have served their day in one direction are utilized in some other place. Some of the material goes to Cook County Hospital, some of it ends its days in our own contagious ward, and some again, under the direction of our Hospital visitor, finds its way into the homes of the poor. The recent donation of 102 books was most gratifying, while the money contributed will be spent, not only for books in foreign tongues, but also for subscriptions to monthly magazines. The committee acknowledges with appreciation the receipt of several

daily and weekly newspapers in foreign tongues—which bring entertainment to many patients unable to read English. Among the generous donations of magazines none have been more appreciated than the very frequent contribution of selected stories from the Silver Cross Circle. The children, too, have been most generously remembered with beautiful scrap books, and paper dolls. The Library Committee rejoices in the interest shown to its work by young women not directly connected with this Board, in preparing books to be distributed. The Easter gift of a large number of exceptionally beautiful booklets came from such a source, and gives us assurance that these young women will in time come into closer touch with our Board.

Among the new committees established is that of the Bulletin, with Mrs. H. H. Belfield as chairman. The suggestion came to this Board by way of the office, with the thought that the sending out of a monthly and quarterly report of the work of the Hospital might prove of interest not only to those directly connected with it, but also to outgoing patients and their friends. Today, the third number of this Bulletin is issued. While it is not intended as a money-making venture, yet it is reasonably hoped that the financial returns may be sufficient to cover the expense of its publication.

An entirely new departure for this Board was the establishment of a Social Service Committee. This work had been carried on in a small way by the Superintendent of the Hospital, who had long recognized the necessity of following outgoing patients to their homes, and investigating the conditions under which they there lived. With the beginning of the year there came to our Board a new member, Mrs. Truman W. Brophy, whose object in uniting herself with us was that just such a work as this might be carried on. Mrs. Brophy became chairman, and the Social Service Committee set itself to the work of finding a suitable visitor. It was thought advisable that she be not only a graduate nurse, but one who had experience in similar lines of work. Our own Training School being yet too new to be able to furnish a nurse of such requirements, the matter was placed in the hands of Mr. Bacon and Miss McMillan, who in September suggested the name of Miss Persons, as one in every way suited to this most difficult task. That the choice was a wise one is shown in the closing words of Mrs. Brophy's report. She says, "We feel that Miss Persons is doing very good work, is interested, sympathetic and judicious in administering aid, and that our work is very successful as far as we have gone." To Miss Persons was given the organization of this committee, and it

has proven in these six months an efficient aid to both physicians and managers of the Hospital. Miss Persons has found, in following her patients to their homes, that her work often began there with other members of the family. One case followed home has revealed sometimes several others which have been cared for. Mrs. Brophy says in her report, "Following up a child after a slight surgical operation has brought us to a mother with tuberculosis, unfortunately beyond the curable stage; a mother and babe have introduced us to older children with chorea, strabismus and other ailments of childhood. This multiplication of cases through the family is so common that the number with which we have come in contact far exceeds our original hospital cases." In the six months 225 cases have been followed from the Hospital or Dispensary, and 160 new cases found in the homes. There have been made 838 calls. Very substantial help has been given to the families of patients, in the way of clothing, and at Christmas time thirteen families were cared for and made happy with holiday cheer. The committee has met with very generous support and encouragement from friends who have recognized the peculiar values of its work. It has been particularly gratifying that the committee has been able to co-operate with various other charitable institutions, at times receiving patients from them, at other times transferring patients to the particular institution which could best meet their particular needs. The number of such institutions with which the Social Service Committee has co-operated is fourteen:

The Foundlings Home.
Bureau of Personal Service.
Jewish Aid Society.
Children's Hospital Society.
United Charities.
Chicago Tuberculosis Institute.
Visiting Nurse Association.

Convalescent Homes.
Juvenile Court.
Board of Health.
Social Settlements.
Rush Medical Dispensary.
Other Hospitals.
Hinsdale Fresh Air Home.

The Woman's Board has not been blind to the necessity of raising money for carrying on all this beneficent activity. One of its sources of revenue for a number of years has been its Associate Membership Committee, under the chairmanship of Miss Amelia Craig. This membership consists of friends of the Hospital, not directly connected with the Woman's Board, who contribute annually not less than \$1.00 toward the work of the Board. While much of its membership is found in our own Presbyterian churches, it is by no means confined to them, and each year through the chairman

and her efficient committee the interest is spreading, as the growing list will indicate. Miss Craig reports:

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| Churches communicated with..... | 41 |
| Number of members..... | 744 |
| Total amount received..... | \$1,307 |

With the consent of the Board of Managers, the Woman's Auxiliary Board voted, a year ago, to join the Chicago Children's Benefit League, commonly known as "Tag Day." It was not hard, as Mrs. W. J. Campbell, the chairman, discovered, to promise six months, in advance, to meet the conditions of the League. But as the time approached it was with hesitancy that the members volunteered to accept the paraphernalia necessary to permit them to solicit money in the name of the Children's ward of the Presbyterian Hospital. In due time, however, a sufficient number of members had pledged their services to keep the 100 badges allotted to us in use throughout the day. October 19th proved to be a most auspicious day, and our workers were busy in city and suburbs, and the city seemed in fete for the occasion. A cloudless, balmy day greeted us, and the groups of wearied women who had ventured forth in the morning, filled with apprehension, and fearful of failure, returned as the day waned, with reports of uniform courtesy and success. The nearly \$4,000.00 credited to the Children's Ward of the Presbyterian Hospital has more than justified our efforts, and is guarantee of the success of a similar undertaking in the early autumn of this coming year.

When the Chicago Hospital Day Association was formed in May, 1909, it was considered wise, after consultation with the Board of Managers, for us to become a part of it.

Our minutes show that this Board voted to join the Association, provided its methods of work in no way interfered with our Easter collections. Not until the March meeting of the H. D. A., when its Ways and Means Committee presented a report which was accepted by the Association, was it fully realized that the time and the plan of work would greatly interfere with our established Easter offering. Acting then upon the advice of the Board of Managers, as expressed through the President, Mr. A. M. Day, and at the request of the Ministers of the Chicago Presbytery, a called meeting of this Board was held on March 17th, and it was voted to withdraw from the Association. It is to be deeply regretted that this could not have been foreseen, as we had no desire that any action of ours should embarrass the Association, as we should then have bent all our energies toward increasing the Easter offerings.

In the meantime, however, the contemplated work through the Sabbath Schools throughout the Presbytery was being pushed most energetically under the able leadership of Mrs. A. W. Draper.

This work was established in the belief that a permanent interest in the Hospital is best assured by educating the children in the Sabbath School, as to its needs, and the money thus raised is to be applied to the support of free beds in the Children's Ward. Many of these collections were taken on Easter, and up to date the sum amounts to \$179.49. Other collections will come in before the end of June.

Miss McMillan, the superintendent of the Nurses' Training School, is to present her detailed report. We trust that next year we may be able to tell of meetings in the School of educational value which shall present to these trained young women the great avenues of usefulness and service open to them in connection with Home and Foreign and City Missionary work. Plans are now being considered which shall bring our School into touch both with the Board of the Northwest and with the Presbyterian Society of Home Missions. Another feature of the work in connection with the Training School, which we hope to see realized in the coming year, will be the culmination of plans by which we may render substantial assistance to the young women in their endeavor to establish an endowed room in memory of Miss Mary Byrne, the only nurse who has died since the establishment of the school.

Under the impulse of tasks well done, surely we are justified in looking forward to a new year, in the confident belief that this Board will faithfully and intelligently perform whatever work may be allotted to it, in the management of this great Hospital.

MRS. MARTIN D. HARDIN

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital.

| Patients admitted during the year: | Year | Year | In- |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | Ending | Ending | |
| | March 31, | March 31, | crease. |
| | 1910. | 1909. | |
| Males over 12 years of age..... | 1,816 | 1,468 | 348 |
| Females over 12 years of age..... | 1,791 | 1,452 | 339 |
| Children 12 years of age and under, children's department (546), maternity department (160) | 706 | 588 | 118 |
| Attendants (relatives of patients)..... | 170 | 109 | 61 |
| Total admitted | 4,483 | 3,617 | 866 |

Classified:

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Patients admitted to private rooms..... | 1,274 | 908 | 366 |
| Patients admitted to wards..... | 3,039 | 2,600 | 439 |
| Medical | 1,528 | 1,380 | 148 |
| Surgical | 1,911 | 1,467 | 444 |
| Obstetrical | 318 | 153 | 165 |
| Gynecological | 556 | 508 | 48 |
| Patients discharged: | | | |
| Cured | 2,017 | 1,739 | 278 |
| Improved | 1,370 | 960 | 410 |
| Unimproved | 168 | 146 | 22 |
| For diagnosis | 289 | 254 | 35 |
| Died | 228 | 201 | 22 |
| Attendants (relatives of patients)..... | 170 | 109 | 61 |
| Remaining in hospital..... | 246 | 208 | 38 |
| | <hr/> 4,483 | <hr/> 3,617 | <hr/> 866 |

Days' treatment of patients:

| | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of days of full pay patients..... | 13,311 | 10,668 | 12,643 |
| Number of days of part pay patients..... | 36,817 | 30,690 | 6,127 |
| Number of days of entirely free patients.... | 19,780 | 19,440 | 340 |
| Number of days of attendants (relatives of patients) | 1,076 | 658 | 518 |

| | | | |
|---|--------|--------|-------|
| Total days' treatment | 70,984 | 61,356 | 9,628 |
| Average daily number of patients..... | 194 | 168 | 26 |
| Average length of stay of patients..... | 16 | 17 | *1 |
| Largest number of patients at one time.... | 246 | 228 | 18 |
| Number of ambulance trips..... | 447 | 392 | 55 |
| Number of surgical operations..... | 2,275 | 1,983 | 292 |
| Number of X Ray skiagraphs..... | 915 | 725 | 190 |
| Number of X Ray treatments..... | 455 | 395 | 60 |
| Number of dressings given patients after leaving the hospital | 3,627 | 3,438 | 189 |
| Daily cost per capita..... | \$2.63 | \$2.63 | |

Hospital charity work:

| | | | |
|--|--------|--------|-------|
| Part pay patients, days' treatment..... | 36,817 | 30,690 | 6,127 |
| Entirely free patients, days' treatment..... | 19,780 | 19,440 | 340 |
| Free operations, (free use of operating room) , | 372 | 303 | 69 |
| Free and part pay X Ray skiagraphs..... | 625 | 365 | 260 |
| Free and part pay X Ray treatments..... | 295 | 200 | 95 |
| Free dressings given patients after leaving the hospital | 2,320 | 2,212 | 108 |

District charity work:

| | | | |
|---|-----|-------|------|
| Calls made by hospital doctors and nurses.. | 771 | 1,017 | *246 |
| Obstetrical cases treated | 102 | 113 | *11 |
| Births | 102 | 110 | *8 |
| Visits made by Social Service nurse..... | 987 | | |

*Decrease.

The number of days' treatment entirely free is the largest for any year in the history of the Hospital. The percentage to the total, however, is less than some years on account of the Private Pavilion, the number of full pay patients being so much larger and the total of part pay being also largely increased.

Nationalities of patients admitted:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|------------------|-----|------------------|-------|
| American | 2,975 | German | 130 | Russian | 389 |
| Armenian | 2 | Greek | 324 | Roumanian | 15 |
| Austrian | 57 | Honolulu | 2 | Scotch | 25 |
| Bohemian | 39 | Hungarian | 34 | Swede | 43 |
| Belgian | 6 | Italian | 94 | Swiss | 13 |
| Bulgarian | 2 | Irish | 63 | So. American.... | 3 |
| Canadian | 75 | Indian (East).. | 3 | So. African | 1 |
| Chinese | 1 | Korean | 2 | Syrian | 1 |
| Danish | 14 | Mexican | 3 | Smyrna | 1 |
| Dutch | 8 | Montenegrin | 1 | Spanish | 1 |
| Egyptian | 2 | Norwegian | 26 | Turkish | 11 |
| English | 67 | New Brunswick.. | 1 | Welsh | 5 |
| French | 10 | Polish | 32 | | |
| Finn | 1 | Porto Rican..... | 1 | Total..... | 4,483 |

Respectfully submitted,

ASA BACON, *Superintendent.*

Chicago, April 1, 1910.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

An unusual number of missionaries as patients in the hospital during the past three months has called attention to the relation borne by the Hospital to these people as well as to the opportunities the Hospital has for doing missionary work within its own doors. Those engaged in any form of missionary effort are always welcome to care and treatment in the Hospital without remuneration. Those ministered to are sincerely appreciative of the benefactions received,

and speak in warmest terms of the kindliness of spirit that prevails among the attendants at the Hospital, from those highest in authority to the humblest employé. Many note, also, the advanced scientific methods used in the treatment of disease; and not the least of the Hospital's benefit to the observant missionary is this directing of the attention to modern treatment of the sick. This knowledge he carries back to his mission station or hospital to benefit in turn the unprogressive people among whom he works.

The obligation is not, however, wholly on the side of the missionary. The missionary patients are, as a rule, well poised and interesting persons, devoted to unselfish ideals, who exert a beneficent influence on those with whom they come in contact in the Hospital.

Through caring for these missionaries the Hospital is taking part in mission work, both home and foreign, for these workers have come from the mission fields of all parts of the world. But there is being done among the patients in the Hospital missionary work of far greater extent. During the past year representatives of nearly forty nationalities have been cared for, people of all races and of all creeds, and while there is never any attempt at proselyting on the part of anyone connected with the Hospital, there is always a sympathetic response to any appeal for spiritual counsel or guidance. Patients of most diverse faiths, or of no faith whatever, frequently seek religious consolation from the volunteer friendly visitor, the social service worker employed by the Woman's Auxiliary Board, and others officially connected with the Hospital. The gift of the Word of God or the spoken word of faith often brings peace to those troubled souls who in the quiet of the sick room or through the quickening sense of fear have been forced to dwell upon the things of the spirit. A chapel service held on Sunday—and this might profitably be conducted on each day of the week—seems, too, to satisfy the longings of many.

There is assuredly an opportunity for the tactful religious visitor, but there is also an opportunity for each one connected with the Hospital to make vital to people of all races and creeds, by a service of helpfulness, the mission of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The entertainment for April was arranged by Mrs. Cary Culbertson, assisted by Miss White and ladies from the Third Church. Mrs. F. S. Wheaton presided at the piano, and songs were rendered by Miss Margaret Heath.

The chief interest was probably centered in the young performers who posed in a large gilt frame amid a bower of spring blossoms. A number of tableaux were happily rendered, illustrating some well known and artistic advertisements, to the great amusement of the audience. Some of the children who posed had been patients in the Hospital. Dr. W. S. Hughes also contributed to the merriment by posing for a familiar advertisement which demanded an adult.

In response to the following invitation scattered on leaflets throughout the Hospital, the capacity of the chapel was tested to its limit:

GREETING

FROM

THE SILVER CROSS CIRCLE.

If you've nothing else to do,
And can spare an hour or two,
We'd love to entertain you for a while.
Though we're neither wise nor smart,
Yet we cultivate the art
Of making even sober people smile!
So if you will kindly be
In the chapel—just at three,
On May the fourteenth—we will be there, too.
And we'll do our level best—
As might easily be guessed—
To make a pleasant afternoon for you.

"As might be guessed" the Circle succeeded in its efforts, and hearty applause testified the appreciation of the listeners. It was not the first time that these twenty-five young ladies presented entertainment, for they constitute the band who keep the Hospital supplied with selected magazine articles put together in attractive form, yet without weight, since they are easily handled, and are much enjoyed by patients unable to sit up as well as by those stronger.

The program of music and reading, in charge of Mrs. F. W. Main, was delightfully given, and the warm reception it received is an invitation to come again soon.

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CHICAGO, ILL.

OCTOBER, 1910.

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Committee: Mrs. James W. Janney, Chairman; Miss Elizabeth G. Ross, Secretary; Mrs. James B. Herrick, Miss Martha Gemmell.

Subscriptions, 50 Cents a Year, may be sent to Mr. Asa Bacon,
Superintendent, The Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago.

EDITORIAL.

It is with deep regret the Woman's Auxiliary Board, under whose supervision the BULLETIN is published, must on this first anniversary occasion announce the resignation of its editor and chairman of the Bulletin Committee, Mrs. Henry H. Belfield, whose long and indefinite absence abroad necessitates such action.

To Mrs. Belfield is due all praise not only for fully establishing the quarterly, but for its acceptable appearance. She and her committee have given much thought and attention to each issue, and no greater reward for their services do they desire than that offered by an increased subscription list for the coming year. The success of the BULLETIN has been sufficient to warrant its continuance, and while it is no money-making venture it is hoped a sufficient number of subscriptions will be obtained to make it no expense to the Board. It costs about \$150 a year and it seems that at the small price of 50 cents, the wish might easily be fulfilled.

Great regret is sincerely felt at the loss of the first chairman, Mrs. Belfield, and because of the change in editorship and a desire to obtain the report of the Tag Committee, this number of the BULLETIN has been unavoidably delayed.

IN MEMORIAM.

The tragedy of July 26 not only spread gloom as a pall over the city of Belfast, but brought sorrow to many hearts on this side of the sea.

The Rev. William J. McCaughan and his wife, Sara Casper McCaughan, were closely identified with this Hospital during his nine years' pastorate in this city. By virtue of his position as pastor of the Third Church, Mr. McCaughan was a member of the Clerical Board of the Hospital and a large share of his splendid energy was devoted to its interests. His enthusiasm inspired all with whom he came in contact, and generous gifts to the hospital were the result of his presentation of its needs.

After lingering four days this great man passed into the life eternal. On the 11th of August his wife, a former vice-president of this Board, followed him, making the sixth victim of the Kelvin Hotel fire.

Unexplainable is the mysterious Providence that guards our way, "Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face," when we shall understand and understanding shall be satisfied.

It was also in August another rare spirit left our membership to become a part of the great unknown.

Miss Emma G. Wilbur, long a member of this board and a representative from the Englewood Church, after many months of feebleness was given rest. Though frail, her interest in the hospital work was unflagging and we should feel it difficult to fill her place were it not that upon another's shoulders she herself dropped the mantle of responsibility. Under such circumstances we are assured of her successor's interest.

It is expected that the demolition of the old building known as the Ross-Hamill Building will begin about the first of October. Most of the patients have been removed and changes made in the "Jones" to accommodate the X-ray, the laboratory and other departments which are now in the former building.

The new building, to be erected in place of the Ross-Hamill, will be built according to the latest and most approved fireproof construction in every detail. It is to be of steel beams with tile arches and brick walls. With the exception of the floors of the wards, all wood will be eliminated. The great part of the floors will be terrazzo, the window sills, etc., of stone and metal, and practically there will be nothing whatever which can burn.

In the arrangements of the building, great care has been taken

to provide for the best administration with the greatest economy, and many features which have been heretofore a great detriment to the hospital have been improved, and will add materially to the facilities for doing the general work, and also for giving better service to our patients.

In the basement of the proposed building will be a very commodious kitchen with all modern appliances, with refrigerator rooms, etc. There will also be a large storeroom for general stores, and a smaller storeroom for vegetables, the lack of the latter room having always been a source of annoyance and expense to the hospital.

On the first floor will be quarters for internes, and in this respect there will be a very great improvement. We have succeeded in setting aside a room for meeting purposes, etc., being a sort of reading and lounging room, which will add materially to the comfort of our internes. These men work very hard at all times of the day and night, and are entitled to anything that can be done to increase their comfort. There are also commodious dining rooms for internes and special nurses, the seating capacity of the latter being 60. The rooms will be well lighted, and can be made attractive whenever we have sufficient money to do so.

On the second floor will be attractive wards and a few small rooms, the general arrangement of the third floor being the same. The second floor will be for women's medical, and the third for women's surgical.

There is but one small ward on the fourth floor, which will be for men. In addition, there will be ample accommodation for a fine laboratory, which it is proposed shall be furnished and equipped in the most modern manner possible, giving every facility for the best scientific research in connection with the diseases of the patients in the hospital. The X-Ray department will be considerably increased over its present quarters, one great advantage being an extra waiting room, so that more space can be given to patients than heretofore, insuring quicker attention and less delay.

On the fifth floor will be the maternity department, and on the sixth the children's department. On the roof, a roof garden similar to that in use on the roof of the Private Pavilion.

It is believed that on the completion of this building we shall have a very well balanced hospital, with proper facilities for the best care of patients and for most economical administration. While no unnecessary expense has been allowed, everything has been provided for the best building and arrangements known to present construc-

tion. It is hoped that the building will be completed by September 1, 1911.

The erection of this building is made possible by the munificent bequest of the late Mr. Thomas Murdoch. It is the opinion of the trustees of his will that the best fulfillment of his wishes will be to expend a portion of the bequest in a memorial building, the balance of the fund being used for the care of women and children in the building, and the whole to form a splendid memorial to his sister, Miss Jane Murdoch, as well as a permanent evidence of his very rare generosity to the Hospital. In planning the building, much thought has been given so that the result may be a permanent, simple, dignified structure, as well adapted to the uses for which it is intended as is possible to make it, but free from all unnecessary ornament or display; the whole to be in keeping with the life and character of the man whose gift it commemorates.

REPORT OF WORK DONE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1910.

During the six months we admitted 2,300 patients, an increase of 247 over last year.

The total days treatment of patients was 36,095, as against 32,375, or an increase of 3,720 days.

The total days treatment of entirely free patients was 9,017, as against 8,984 last year.

From the above figures it will be seen that there is quite an increase in the work over last year, this increase showing in all branches, and only for the tearing down of the Ross Building and Hamill Wing we would, no doubt, have the heaviest year in the history of the Hospital.

The following internes have completed their work:

Dr. A. E. Lord, who is now taking special work in Europe.

Dr. R. G. Davis, located at Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. J. L. Tracy, temporarily at Helena, Mont. He expects to return to Chicago and take up work at the County Hospital.

ASA BACON, *Superintendent.*

THE SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The summer months—the heaviest summer which the Hospital has had—have been also very busy months for the school.

It is the custom to stop classes and lectures during the hot weather, and that opportunity is made use of to give vacations to our

students and to the members of the staff. This year, with 180 to 200 patients in the Hospital to be provided with nursing care, it has been unusually difficult to plan for each member of the school the rest which she needs to successfully carry on her work for the coming year.

The following is the average distribution of our nurses from June 1 to October 1:

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| On vacation..... | 21 |
| Off duty for illness or other causes..... | 4 |
| Taking training at the Insane Hospital..... | 4 |
| In the preliminary class..... | 9 |

Leaving an average of 72 on duty in the Hospital and the Central Free Dispensary.

We have enrolled, October 1, 1910, 119 pupils, 27 of these just being received into the preliminary department.

This class entering this fall is the largest which has been accepted by the school for two years, and its admission has taxed the capacity of the Home to its utmost, making us realize strongly the necessity for an enlarged Home.

The two \$420 scholarships offered in the spring by the Woman's Auxiliary Board have proved most acceptable and have been awarded to members of the in-coming class who have met all the qualifications of entrance, have given proof of educational advancement obtained by their own efforts and to whom missionary or social service work, after graduation, appeals.

It is felt that the establishment of these scholarships is going to be most helpful to the school and a means of valuable assistance to the type of women whom it is a pleasure to help prepare for important work.

With the changes in the Hospital necessitated by the rebuilding of the Ross-Hamill wing, there comes to the school new problems, which, in addition to the recommencement of the regular class and lecture work on October 1, promises a very active and full winter for all members of the nursing staff.

M. H. McMILLAN, *Superintendent of Nurses.*

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT.

With the beginning of September, the first year's work of the Social Service Department of the Hospital was completed. While the work largely was carried on along the lines indicated in the

report at the end of the first six months, published in the April BULLETIN, there was considerable variation in the detail of the work of the latter half of the year from that of the first half, owing to the difference in the seasons. Winter care of the convalescent poor always includes the consideration of sufficient clothing and bedding, the certainty of the coal supply and the possibility of the patient getting a little fresh air and keeping warm at the same time. The question of food, as to quantity, is also of more importance in the winter than in the summer. The activities of the summer include a great deal of outing work, which takes in others besides the convalescent. All the sick and ailing are not in hospitals, and many undoubtedly are saved from becoming hospital charges by a timely summer vacation, with freedom from their usual cares, and the tonic of new surroundings, fresh air and good food. The effect of the hot weather on babies and their food supply also makes it necessary that special attention be paid to them. These two special lines of work, summer outings and baby welfare, have taken a great deal of time, and it was unquestionably time very well spent.

During the year 448 homes have been visited and 1,798 visits made. Each patient followed up does not always mean a different family. We frequently have several members of the same family in the Hospital at different times. During this last year one mother was cared for in our out-maternity service and each of her four children were in the Hospital, sometimes two at once. It was simply a matter of delicate children poorly cared for. A careful statement of the situation, by letter to the grandmother, brought her from a neighboring state on a visit, and when she returned home two of the children went with her to see what farm life would do for them.

On visiting the home of two other children who have been in the Hospital the greater part of the summer, the mother was found to be entirely blind, caring for her house and the two children remaining at home, aged $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 7 years, whose faces she had never seen. She was brought to the Dispensary to have her eyes examined, and while she was given no hope, she expressed her pleasure in having the examination, because, she said, it showed that someone was interested in her. She told how she once had a needle that she could thread and so mend the children's clothes, but it had been lost when the last baby was born and she had never been able to get another one like it. To step into a down-town store and buy a five-cent package of self-threading needles was so easy that the joy and gratitude of the poor blind woman when she received them was out of all proportion to the effort necessary to get them.

The man for whom the ladies of the Board gave the greater part of the purchase price of an artificial foot last winter has been doing so well, earning just as much as he did before his accident, that we were encouraged to help in a similar case of need, though this time the patient was a young fellow of twenty-one. The surgeon gave ten dollars toward the foot, as in the previous case, and then the matter was taken to the United Charities, who, after interviewing the young man, guaranteed the additional fifty dollars necessary. The patient has his new foot and has an elevator job promised as soon as he is able to balance himself well.

One of the patients in the Maternity Department expressed her anxiety to know how the children were getting along at home, being particularly distressed because her husband was a drinking man. A call was made, and, as the husband was found loafing at home, which meant that he was also drinking, he was told what some people thought of a man who let his family take charity when he was perfectly able to earn a living for them. When the mother was ready to go home, she and the children were fitted out with decent clothing, the two little girls being sent to the country and the mother and little boy went to the Tribune Hospital for Convalescents. Since their return the father has been working steadily and has promised to return the money spent in fitting out the children.

The most valuable co-operation in the work of a follow-up nurse is that of the convalescents' home. There the patients can get out of the Hospital atmosphere, learn to depend on themselves and yet not be tempted to overdo. They have sanitary surroundings, wholesome food, good air and an atmosphere of kindness that, combined, seldom fails to bring the patient into the best possible condition. The great pity is that the room in convalescent homes is so limited. During the summer, when the Tribune Hospital at Algonquin is open, there seems to be plenty of room, but that is only three months of the year. When that closes, there is no place to send a mother with a child under five and practically no place for a man, or boy over twelve. Such people need to convalesce comfortable as well as others.

In the last six months we have sent nine patients to Grove House, Evanston; nineteen to the Hinsdale Fresh Air Home; ten to the Tribune Convalescent Hospital; three to the Adams Street Convalescent Home and twenty-four children and mothers to country homes. Most of the latter were sent through the United Charities, as were the Tribune Hospital cases. During this time the Children's

Hospital boarded out six convalescent children for us, making seventy-one in all who got some form of a country outing.

Besides the co-operation mentioned above, the United Charities co-operated in other ways on twelve cases; the Central Free Dispensary on thirteen cases; County Physician, three cases; Visiting Nurses' Association, three cases; Children's Home and Aid, three cases; Social Settlements, five cases; private physicians, four cases; Jewish Aid Society, two cases; Tuberculosis Institute, three cases; Chief of Police, State Factory Inspector, Children's Day Association, Visitation and Aid Society, Juvenile Court officer, St. Vincent's Asylum and Legal Aid Society, one case each.

The one resource of a follow-up nurse that is always in stock, though the most frequently drawn upon, is instruction and advice, and the gratitude and pleasure of a charity patient on finding that the Hospital is interested enough in him to send someone to look after him is touching to see. Sometimes more than advice has to be given, as when medicine or some other little necessity is required and there is no money to get it. In some emergencies money has been lent or in very small amounts given outright. When need for help has been only temporary, it has seemed best to arrange the matter without calling in other agencies, thereby keeping the matter on a neighborly basis and thus helping to maintain the self-respect of the recipient. The clothing that has been sent in by the ladies of the Board has helped keep many warm in winter, and when summer came it was of great assistance in getting people decently clothed for their outings.

The books and magazines from the Library Committee should be mentioned again, as they continue to be in demand. Old magazines are as good as new ones in many places and the mother says that they help to keep the boys and girls off the street.

Of course, these are side issues to our main work of helping our convalescent patients back to a normal condition, but it seems worth while "to pluck a thistle and plant a flower wherever a flower will grow."

Regarding the baby welfare work, it is interesting to know that this work was better organized in Chicago this year than ever before. About \$14,000 has been spent in the work, of which \$6,000 was furnished by the Board of Health and \$8,000 from the McCormack Fund. There were twenty-two nurses who spent their entire time visiting babies in the homes, giving instruction and care. There were fifteen nurses in the eleven tents to which the sick babies were sent.

This has been an unusually hard summer on babies all over the

country. It is too soon to sum up all results, but one very striking fact already has developed. During the month of August, which was the worst month of the season, 10 per cent less babies than last year died in the river wards and in the thickly populated parts of the city where the baby welfare nurses were working. In the better residence parts of the city, where the need was not so great and there were no nurses working because there was not money enough, 44 per cent more babies died in August than last year, which shows a saving of at least 54 per cent in the wards where the nurses worked.

Our Social Service Department registered 81 babies. These were babies that were born in the Hospital and Out-Maternity Department, convalescent babies from the Children's Department and a few of the neighbors' babies.

Beginning the middle of June, the babies were visited and registered. The summer work with the babies was explained to the mothers. Inquiries were made into their mode of caring for the little ones and suggestions and instruction given. Usually an addressed postal card was left to send to the nurse if anything should go wrong with the baby. Attention was called to many injurious practices, such as too frequent feeding, giving narcotics, not screening the little ones from the flies, not giving enough water and also giving solid food to young babes. Almost without exception, the mothers were delighted to have someone with whom to advise about their babies. Needless to say, all the good advice and instruction was not followed. It is hard to teach an untrained woman the necessity of feeding her baby regularly or to give it water instead of milk when feeding time is not due. Fifty-one of the babies were sick during the summer, nearly all cases of diarrhœa, but only one died. All but a half-dozen of the eighty-one were, or had been, breast babies, which probably accounts for their more than average vitality. Much of the sickness was among babies in their second summer, when mixed diet was taken.

Besides instruction, practical demonstrations of treatment were given when needed. White mosquito netting, nipples and nursing bottles for water were bought for the babies when the family funds seemed very limited. Iceboxes also were constructed for several cases and the Tribune ice was at our service wherever needed. What is the prospect for a baby that has, three times a day, a bottle of very dark-looking tea containing "whiskey, one teaspoonful," which, the little sister who was caring for him said, "made him sleep good?"

The results of the baby welfare work do not end with the season, for the lessons learned by the mothers will be practiced for years to come and taught to their neighbors. An Irish grandmother said

that she had a superstition that sterilized milk was the best friend to give the baby. If people must have superstitions, it is well if they have good instead of bad ones, especially when the baby is concerned.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

It was expected the regular monthly Saturday afternoon entertainments would close for the season with the one given in May, but so many requests were made for another, the Chairman consented to arrange for one in June. Accordingly, on June 11, Miss Florence Pattison of the Third Church, accompanied by Mr. Clarence Stroupe, gave a delightful musicale, to which Mrs. Carey Culbertson greatly added by her enjoyable readings.

On September 17 the Eighth Church inaugurated the entertainments for the coming winter. Miss Jean Burgess, organist of the church, arranged the program and called to her assistance Mr. W. L. Riedell, the choir leader, and Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Blackman, who were most happy in the choice of their vocal selections, as the applause testified.

The pleasure given the patients by these entertainments, the diversion of a brief hour, is another demonstration to those who give their services that truly "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

CHICAGO CHILDREN'S BENEFIT LEAGUE.

Monday, October 17, was a summer day as to temperature.

As the children's ward of the Presbyterian Hospital was again a beneficiary in the Tag Day scheme, many badges on workers representing the Woman's Auxiliary Board were in evidence at an early hour in the morning.

Most of the workers were obtained through the churches represented on the board, but in several instances other friends rendered service.

While the total amount collected is little more than half the sum of the previous year, it must be remembered that double the number of charities were soliciting and the contributions were in coins of much smaller value.

The president of the Woman's Board wishes to state that to the committee having the matter in charge all praise is due for unceasing effort and for wisdom in planning. Not a method of operation was omitted conformable to the regulations of the League. The 100 badges assigned us were transferred to different relays of workers throughout the day, and hardly a badge could be found that was not

in constant service from half past six in the morning till seven o'clock in the evening, the last permissible moment. The committee herewith presents its financial report:

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| First Church | \$ 221.22 | Evanston | 85.00 |
| Second Church | 188.44 | Fullerton Ave..... | 5.00 |
| Third Church | 272.00 | Hyde Park | 110.00 |
| Sixth Church | 88.98 | Lake View..... | 89.81 |
| Eighth Church | 273.00 | Normal Park..... | 25.11 |
| Ninth Church | 15.70 | Oak Park (First).... | 200.00 |
| Forty-first St. Church.. | 81.19 | Oak Park (Second)... | 10.85 |
| Campbell Park Church | 44.31 | Scotch Westminster... | 3.00 |
| Central Park Church.. | 28.53 | Woodlawn | 90.00 |
| Christ Church | 48.07 | Collected at hospital... | 122.77 |
| Edgewater | 39.18 | | |
| | | Total..... | \$2,042.16 |

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistants.

This report shows that twenty churches rendered service out of the fifty-two represented on the Auxiliary Board.

To the Eighth Church belongs the honor of the largest collection and for this honor its solicitors worked with untiring perseverance the entire day. In their boxes were found no checks nor bills of large denomination, but a great number of coins representing a correspondingly great number of tags given out with much weariness to the flesh.

Attention is also called to the amount collected in the hospital buildings, which shows the interest and good feeling not only of the patients, staff and nurses, but of the employes and all in any way connected with the institution, while the large amount as the sum total of the boxes containing less than fifty dollars is another proof of the old saying, "Many a mickle makes a muckle."

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